

| S.No. | Name of the Area having elephant population | State | Area under the proposed sanctuary (in Sq. Kms.) |
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| 22. | Barail | Assam | 300.00 |
| 23. | Barak | Assam | 190.00 |
| 24. | Interline Forest | Assam | 100.00 |
| 25. | Dhansiri Kaki | Assam | 100.00 |
| 26. | Central Catchment | Tripura | 50.00 |
| 27. | Kisa | Nagaland | 30.00 |
| 28. | Dzuki - Phuliebazie | Nagaland | 70.00 |
| 29. | Dzuko | Manipur | 100.00 |
| 30. | Taret-Lokehao | Manipur | 100.00 |
| 31. | Palak | Mizoram | 200.00 |
| 32. | Ngengpu | Mizoram | 100.00 |

Upgradation of Metre-Gauge System

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

2003. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up a plan recently for the upgradation of some metre-gauge routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the routes identified therefor; and

(c) the amount earmarked for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

Wildlife species in Himalayas

2004. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:-

(a) the names of wildlife species living in Himalayas; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to preserve these species?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Due to the large altitudinal and longitudinal variations, the number of wildlife species living in the

Himalayas is very large and it is not possible to give a comprehensive list of wildlife species living in Himalayas particularly the lower orders of vertebrates and invertebrates. However, the names of important species of mammals and birds found in the Himalayas are given in the statement attached.

(b) Steps taken to preserve these species include:

- i) Hunting of all wildlife species, except for protection of life and property and for the purpose of research, education and management of population, has been banned under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act.
- ii) A network of national parks, wildlife sanctuaries and biosphere reserve has been set up to provide protection to the wildlife. Government of India is providing Central Assistance to State Governments for development of such parks and sanctuaries.
- iii) International and internal trade in products from rare and endangered species of wildlife has been banned.
- iv) Anti-poaching infrastructure in the states has been strengthened. Government of India provides assistance to State Governments for strengthening the anti-poaching infrastructure under the Centrally sponsored

Scheme "Control of Poaching and Illegal Trade in Wildlife".

- v) Co-operation of Border Security Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police and Army has been sought for conservation of wildlife in border areas.
- vi) Wildlife Institute of India is providing training to officials in Wildlife management.
- vii) Research on various aspects of wildlife management has been taken up.
- viii) State Governments have been requested to ban felling of trees in the hills, above the altitude of 1000 metres.

STATEMENT

MAMMALS

1. Leopard
2. Snow Leopard
3. Clouded Leopard
4. Lynx
5. Pallas's Cats
6. Golden Cat
7. Marbled Cat
8. Spotted Linsang

9. Binturong
10. Red Panda
11. Himalayan Black Bear
12. Himalayan Black Bear
13. Red Fox
14. Hangul
15. Shou
16. Sambar
17. Barking Deer
18. Musk Deer
19. Wild Yak
20. Takin
21. Serow
22. Goral
23. Urial or Shapu
24. Nayan
25. marcopolo sheep
26. Bharal
27. Ibex
28. Himalayan Tahr
29. Tibetan antelope or chiru
30. Tibetan Gazelle
31. Black buck
32. Indian Gazelle

33. Nilgai
34. Wild Boar
35. Tibetan Wild Ass
36. Common Langur
37. Capped Langur
38. Golden Langur
39. Assamese Macaque
40. Rhesus Macaque

BIRDS

1. Tibetan snow Cock
2. Himalayan Monal
3. Sclater's Monal
4. Western Tragopan
5. Timminck's Tragopan
6. Blyth's Tragopan
7. Eared phesnat
8. Pheasant grouse
9. Blood pheasant
10. kokias Pheasant
11. Cheer pheasant
12. Bar-tailed pheasant
13. Peacock pheasant
14. Jungle fowl
15. Black necked crane